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Thank you for your interest in working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to operate a high-risk pool program in your State consistent with the provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. As you know, this is a temporary program to provide coverage to your uninsured residents with preexisting conditions. In the interests of providing coverage to as many individuals as possible within the funds available, we encourage States to operate these programs as efficiently as possible.

Attached is an application solicitation to establish the temporary high-risk pool program. We understand that you are likely to have questions throughout the application process, and we are committed to providing States with all the information they need to establish this program. To that end, we anticipate scheduling a working session in the near future to give States that plan to operate the high-risk pool program an opportunity to ask questions and receive technical assistance directly from our subject matter experts. We will contact you directly with more information about that call.

I appreciate your willingness to work with HHS to establish a high-risk pool program in your State. We look forward to working with you to provide improved access to affordable insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

Jay Angoff
Director
Office of Consumer Information
and Insurance Oversight